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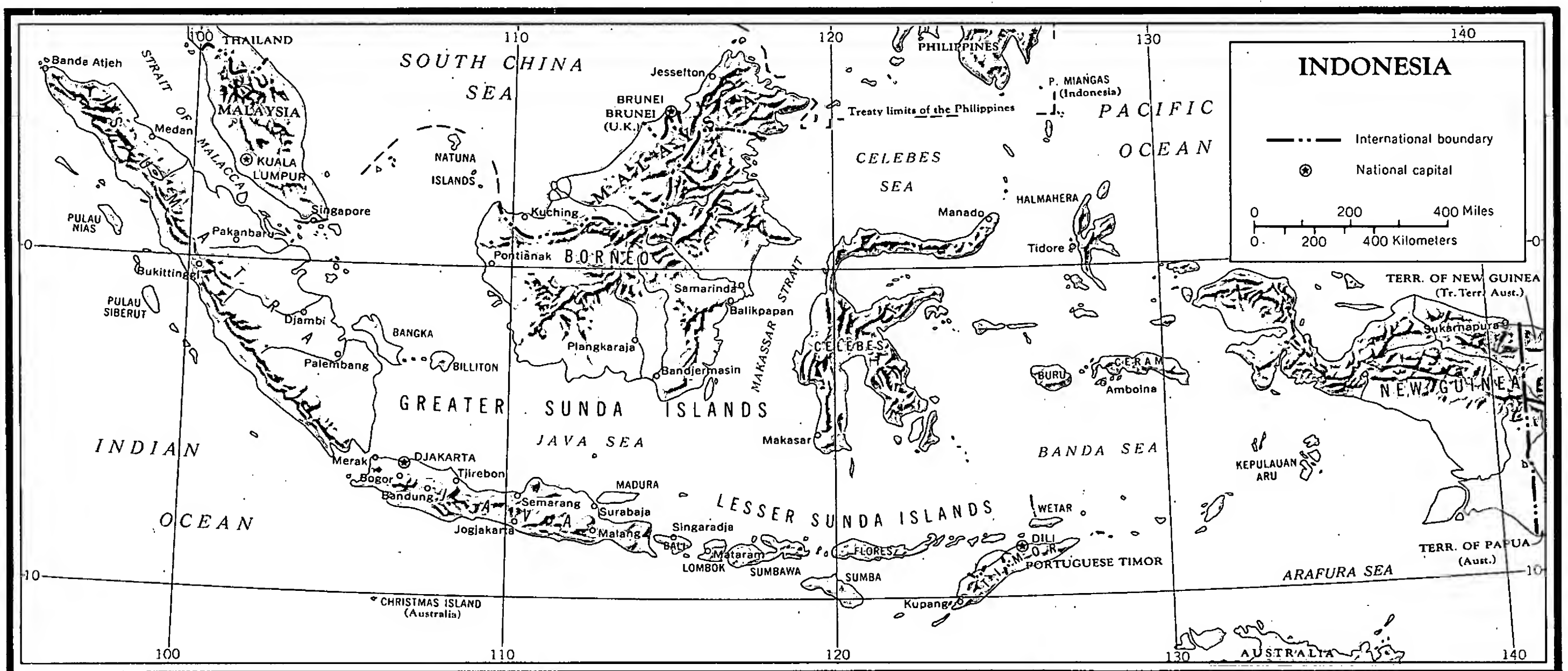


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1. South Vietnam

General Khanh probably will leave South Vietnam in the next day or so on his "roving ambassador" assignment, although no itinerary has been announced. Concern over a possible last-minute Khanh-Buddhist power play was dissipated today by Buddhist leader Tam Chau. Initial reports vary on a speech Chau made in Saigon today, but he appears to have ruled out any Buddhist support for a new coup and pledged support to the present government. A wire service report claims that he also called for an end to the civil war, but a supporting text has not been received.

Changes in the armed forces command structure have removed Khanh's cohorts from key positions. The new appointments point up the strengthened position of General Thi, I Corps Commander.

Viet Cong activities continue on the rise throughout the country, but are limited largely to sabotage, harassment, and small-scale guerrilla efforts. No new Chinese Communist or North Vietnamese military moves of significance have been reported.

2. Indonesia

Djakarta has put out another feeler for direct negotiations with the Malaysians. Foreign Minister Subandrio has asked Thailand's Foreign Minister Thanat to act temporarily as intermediary.

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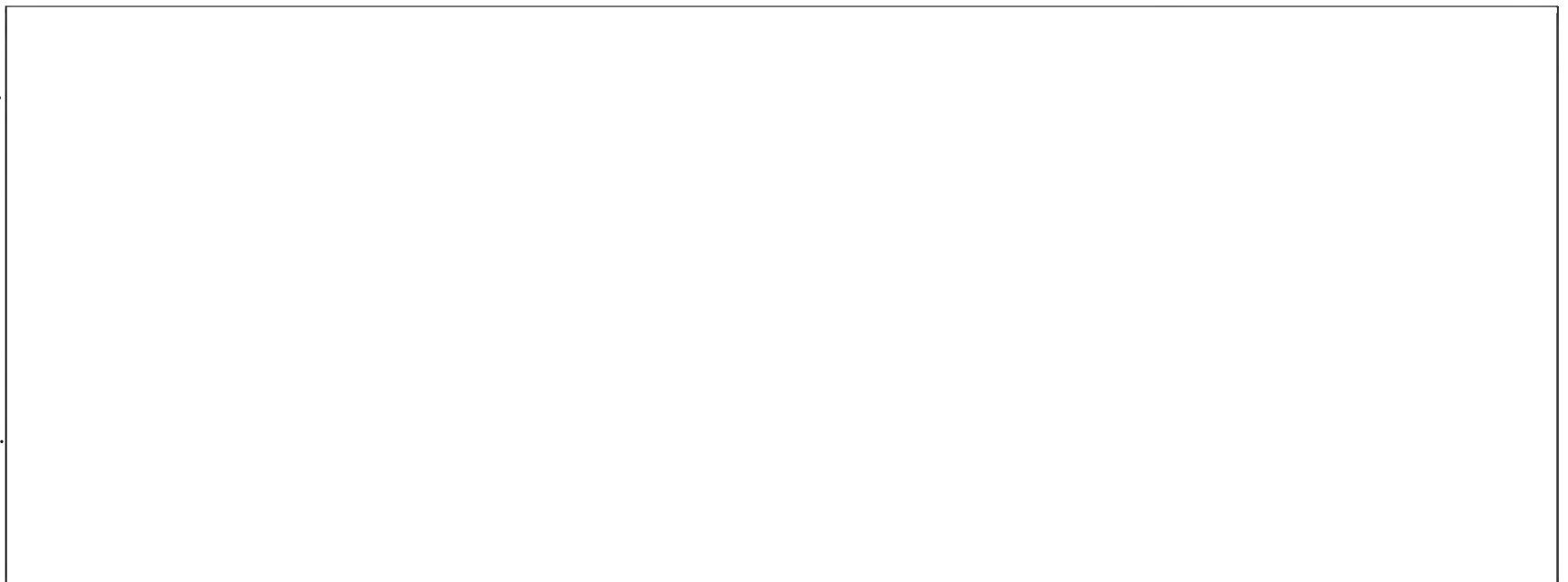
The US Embassy in Djakarta believes the Indonesians will announce some form of direct government supervision over American rubber estates some time this week. It is not expected that the American managers will be removed right away, however. Demonstrations were staged yesterday near the US Rubber and Goodyear estates in northern Sumatra, but the local security forces have so far kept the demonstrators under control.

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4. Yemen



5. USSR



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6. South Korea

President Pak says he is determined to keep the negotiations with Japan moving forward. He says those Koreans opposing the talks are a small minority, and he is prepared to resort to martial law to control them, if necessary. The Korean foreign minister now intends to return last week's apparently successful visit to Seoul by Japanese Foreign Minister Shiina.

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